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LOCAL PRESS AT THE NATIONAL PALACE, MEXICO CITY, NOV. 30, 1976

TEXT :

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM? (REFERS TO LOPEZ PORTILLO)

A. I THINK HE, YOU KNOW, TO SAY SOMEBODY IS A STRONG
MAN DOESN'T SAY MUCH IN MEXICO BECAUSE YOU SPECIALIZE
IN STRONG MEN BUT I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH HIM AND WE
HAD A VERY GOOD TALK.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MEXICO'S FUTURE?

A. I THINK MEXICO IS A GREAT COUNTRY AND EVEN IT HAS SOME
TEMPORARY DIFFICULTIES, IT IS BOUND TO COME OUT OF THEM.
IT IS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE WORLD. IT IS ALREADY AT
THE POINT OF BEING A DEVELOPED COUNTRY, SO I'M VERY
OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MEXICO. IT WILL HAVE A
GREAT ROLE TO PLAY.

Q. WHAT SHOULD WE DO TO HAVE A BETTER ECONOMIC FUTURE?

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A. (INAUDIBLE).....NOT BEFORE OUR PRESIDENT IS INAUGURATED.

Q. DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY AT THIS END OF THE
MR. ECHEVERRIA'S PRESIDENCY?

A. WELL, WE ALWAYS WORKED CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA AND WE SOLVED ALL OUR PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS
OF FRIENDSHIP, EQUALITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND SO WE HAVE
WARM FEELINGS ABOUT PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND WE HAVE A
GOOD BASIS ON WHICH TO WORK WITH HIS SUCCESSOR, LOPEZ
PORTILLO.

Q. MR. SECRETARY DO YOU SEE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE
TRANSITION BETWEEN THE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS?

A. IN MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES -- THERE SEEM TO
BE NO PROBLEMS IN MEXICO AND I'M POSITIVE THERE WILL
BE NO PROBLEMS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE FRIENDSHIP
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IS A PERMANENT FEATURE AND
WE ARE BOTH MAKING A TRANSITION AT THE SAME TIME AND
WE WILL MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDSHIP.

Q.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW WITH
(INAUDIBLE) PHILIPPINES?

A. WE HAD A VERY GOOD TALK--WE TALKED ABOUT OUR BASE
NEGOTIATIONS AND WE HAD A VERY GOOD TALK, AND WE MADE
PROGRESS.
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